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For: BIOACTIVE SOL-GEL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS	) )

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE (37 CFR 1.143)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 9, 1997, Applicants elect the claims of Group I with traverse, claims 1-13, 19-22, 27-31, and 33-37, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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